

Please reject NAB petition 04-160. There is no reason why satellite radio should be singled out. There are no real differences between satellite radio and "legacy radio".

Satellite radio uses monthly fees and "legacy radio uses commercials. Both are methods of collecting money for the services delivered and provide profit to the owners of the stations.

Both use wireless transmission methods. Legacy radio stations use thousands of large unsightly towers that take up useful land to broadcast their signals. The other uses a handful of satellites to broadcast their signals.

They both have national presence. Since the restrictions have been lifted, companies like Clear Channel have been allowed to create a national presence in radio station ownership. There is no real difference in the amount of land that the law allows them to cover versus national coverage through satellite.

Agreeing to the NAB's petition 04-160 would go against the free market ideals that this nation is proud of.